

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE, 2021

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Johnson, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1).

The invocation was given by Mr. Cawthorne, and Mr. Epperson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to expand the agenda and add Special Proclamation recognizing June as Men's Health Month under Special Resolutions.*

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *to expand the agenda and add Thrifty Classifieds as a proposal for the Official Journal.*

Mr. Johnson opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. There being no one to speak, the President of the Commission closed the public hearing.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobe and add both agenda additions to the agenda.*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ken Krefft came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

I was hoping Sub-Committee Chair, Stormy Gage-Watts was here but the record will reflect my comments anyway. About every three months for many years I've spoken on juvenile justice. Once again, we need to do something. We've overspent almost \$40 million in the last 14 and a half years. Since we just lost a 1/10th percent sales tax. It's especially tragic this year, the coroner just released homicide figures through the end of May. I'm not sure if it was Shreveport only or Caddo Parish, but I know the number was 40. The average age was 28 and a half. 85% of the fatalities were Black, males, four were women. We're losing young people. When we do juvenile justice, I say when-I'm an optimist not if-I'm sure you guys will do it eventually. Although I thought that in 2011, 10 years ago, and here we are. Not many of you were not on this horseshoe. But let's do like some other cities have done with their juvenile justice. What young people need in the morning when they get up is a passion. They need to go play their flute, or play basketball or have or make music videos. They have to have a passion. That's what our young people are lacking. They get up and they wander the neighborhood and they drift and they get into all kinds of trouble. So, if and when, let's say when we do juvenile justice, let's incorporate a program of professional people let's catch these people. You know we were handed like every other parish the 17-year-olds adding to the cost. No longer in adult court. And I just wish we could do something with the young people to educational systems, parents, church, so many active participants. Used to go to the ball games 40 years ago, the old Spark Stadium on Park Street. Sometimes I'd run into Riley Stewart. Great ball player Shreveport playing the negro leagues. Used to tell me about Buck O'Neil and Satchel Page and my kids, my 5-year old Joey, who's now an engineer. Well Mr. Stewart, why couldn't you play in the major leagues? You were good enough. And it was tough to explain to a 5-year-old. We gotta move past that. We gotta make our young people when we do our juvenile justice. We gotta infuse them with a passion so that every day they get up they just can't wait to do their thing whatever their thing is. As long as they get up and they drift, we're gonna continue to lose them. We're going to continue to have homicides through the roof. Let's-let's do something proactive. Thank you all for listening.

Jermaine Anderson came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

Hello. How are you all doing this afternoon? Um I'm coming speaking on behalf of Woodlawn Terrace Apartments as far as our living conditions. Um, just the same thing as the last time I spoke. But I'm just coming again to speak on these conditions-the rats, the mice, you know, same old thing. So, you know, just um as far as getting this addressed and um far as helping us over there basically. Thank you.

David Cox and Jan Lewis came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

Here on behalf of Thrifty Classified as a bidding paper for your journal. Next to is Jan Lewis she is the sales manager. The owner is out of town. So, I'm filling in for him today. Basically, what we're

trying to do is basically give you a heads up of what we do as a thrifty classified. We have over 90,000 publications a week. We have over 250, right now, locations that this paper can be picked up for free. Does not cost Caddo Parish citizen anything to go by, pick it up. We've made a good bid to the Parish for announcements, for the publication of the minutes. Uh If you look back through the years what a paper can and cannot do for you on a timely manner. This is a weekly paper. That means if you have a notice, say we have floods and a storm coming in, getting notice out to the citizens sandbags can be here before the storm ever gets there. We publish on during the week. Pass out on Thursdays. To give you a little bit of insight of the business as far as the columns and all that I'll turn it over to Jan.

Jan: I'm not really sure. Okay we are a-like he said-we are a weekly publication. We publish every Thursday. We have 90,000 circulation a month sometimes more. We have actually expanded. I think the original proposal um, we did not have Texarkana and Longview on there. We are now expanded to that-those cities also. So, any anytime you want to let anything know in a regional area that is we're a perfect place for that. I think-

David: We can tell you also that we have worked with Animal Control through Caddo Parish, through Bossier Parish, through DeSoto Parish. That page alone has gotten rave reviews. So not only are we saving Caddo Parish already money by doing that once you look at a cheaper price for Caddo- I assume this according to how the bids come in-but when you look at locations, publications and free. Normally people, you know, if they see it they're going to pick it up. If they know that the journal is in the Thrifty Classified, they're going to pick it up. Because you can't get it at all the locations we are at. You can't stumble on it and not see it in the locations that we're in right now. So, we ask for a fair shake. It's about-it's about basically being where they can pick it up and its free. And it's a good price back to the Parish as far as working with y'all hand in hand when something comes up. If y'all need us we're there. We're weekly and I knew back in years ago, we would have to basically time an announcement due to the publication of the paper itself. So, don't have that problem here.

Jan: Now we are online. So, our paper is a digital edition online. So, you can actually go to our website or go to issue. And you can actually look at the paper and flip the pages just like you would the paper. We also have every display ad; every classified ad is on our website. So, anything that is in our paper is going to be on the website. Can be looked up by keyword searches. We can also add like legal and stuff to our legend on our pages so that can-they can go there too. So, there are a lot of options for all your sir sorry for all of your people to see.

Omari Ho Sang came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

I was here earlier this week with some concerns about the very needed rental assistance program. And Mr. Krefft, you're still here, brought up a really good point about folks who are engaged in gun violence and victims. As victims and perpetrators need a passion. But before we can really delve into a passion. We have to really fulfill the basics. And housing is very much a basic aspect of life and sustaining life. So, with regard to that-of course the emergency rental assistance program is helping to fill a very, very big need especially after the pandemic. And I really appreciate Haley. Thank you so much for coming out and answering my questions. President Johnson for sending me or giving me the hard copy of the prioritization documents. Really, really appreciate that outreach. And so, after reading that document, I have additional questions and concerns. And so, my first question is really with regards to the prioritization and verification process. It answers this whole question of a lottery and random selection. It's not really a lottery, but it is random selections still under priority one. And the definition what is considered priority is really strange to me. Because it's based on employment. But this is a rental assistance program. So, for example someone can very much be employed and still have an eviction notice in their hand, right? And so, after COVID19 people may have been 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 a year behind in their rental assistance and have a job. And so, my concern is with why is the definition housing stability based on employment-when someone can still be on the verge of being homeless? So that's the first concern. And the second concern is regarding the definition of housing stability in terms of-hold on. Y'all give me a second. See when I write in long form. Okay, so the treasury. The treasury defines or allows folks to get a hotel stay. So, say a gentleman is bussing tables at a local chain restaurant. He has a job but again he still has an eviction notice in his hand. He-he's evicted because based on the priority process with this program he does not qualify to receive help. So, now he's out of a home and he goes to get a hotel room. Based on how the program is currently being implemented, like in day to day in real life, in real time. This person would not receive assistance. Right? So, they go get a hotel. Now based on how it's being implemented they still can't receive assistance if they um call into the program. But based on the FAQ, number 26 in the document it says that if a person is displaced because they have been evicted or any other COVID19. I'm sorry y'all. But based on any other COVID19 reason they are allowed to be funded if they are staying in a hotel. So, if we could have some clarification regarding this this local discrepancy that would really help us get more people getting assistance and getting housed. And so, the last piece I understand that the treasury is setting the guidelines. Some of these guidelines are not local the implementation is local. So, my next question is really for Commissioners. Less administration more Commissioners, because you have the power. What is the mechanism to really make the changes-the necessary changes- so that we can get more people that 64% of folks who have yet to be served? What is the mechanism to help us and lobby the treasury whatever we have to do-so that we can change some of the rules that make absolutely no sense in terms of folks who have been impacted by COVID19 and are on the verge of homelessness? So, thank you so much. Again, thank you for your responsiveness. And I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Caitlin Douglas came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

I am too speaking in regards to the emergency rental assistance program. A drawing of lots in which prizes are distributed to the winners among persons buying a chance, that's the definition of a lottery. So, when we say the word lottery that's the reason why. Because as someone who is giving the information out and somebody who has people asking me how do I sign up for the program every single day, it's hard not to frame it as a lottery when it operates like a lottery. Just because you don't call it something doesn't mean it doesn't function that way. And I have an issue with the way that-and this may be the Administration or whoever-but I have an issue with the way the program is implemented. Simply for the fact that there are people who are at high need. What is-what is the assessment process for what's a higher need? That-I don't think it's fair that somebody who has a job or somebody who may have additional help outside of work is being overlooked versus somebody who just signed up. There are people who are still waiting for assistance since April 1st who haven't gotten that funding because of the way of the program and how it is designed versus people who can sign up today and be notified next week that they're assisted. So, it's not fair and that feels like a lottery to me. I mean if I had to scratch off I wouldn't want to be selected that soon. But um I also have an issue with the fact that the program funds were received in January. But the program was only erected in April. There are so many brilliant minds up here there should be a better way of establishing how we're going to use funds. Um that is a 60-day window, I believe. And I just don't understand why it took 60 days to erect this program if the money was received in January. Then, I already talked about the need based. There's a huge digital access barrier, okay? This program only functions if you sign up online. There're no paper applications or anything. There are a lot of people who have disabilities. There are people who have lupus. There are people who have cancer. There are people who are amputees because they're veterans. That don't have transportation or are immobile for whatever reason. And they also don't have access to quality digital assistance. And that is true because we all know that our entire Parish is suffering from a digital access barrier. Um so, I mean, I could barely find the stream for the Commission. That's no shade to anybody. But I-it's hard to find a stream for the Commission meeting. So, imagine how that is reflecting for people who don't have access to quality digital assistance. Um they-um-the-a lot of these candidates' um and I'm going to request an extension just like Ms. Ho Sang cause I'm almost done. But a lot of these candidates don't have reliable transportation or of the up-to-date computer or a cell phone- in addition to having disabilities. Um also I'm seeing a lot of people saying that once they're selected for assistance and uploading the documents, which again that's a huge issue having to find somebody to bring you into whatever one of the organizations is assisting people and-and that's an issue alone right? They're bringing those documents in and then once they're being uploaded based off of what they're going into the portals and looking at being told is acceptable. Now we're being saying no not this something else. And then, it's-I just would like some clarity on what is and what is not acceptable. Because I fear the issue is this. That I think a lot of times when we get into certain positions we don't actually often have the opportunity to see things from a citizen's perspective. And so, I'm offering a citizen's perspective to you guys. I think the program could be more helpful if instead of whatever type of prioritization process it is right now, we do it as some type of first come first serve or make sure if they have all of the documents or if you have a higher delinquency, whatever. There needs to be something to eradicate the way that it's functioning. Because the word on the ground is that it's a lottery. You may not consider it that way but that's what citizens view it as. And if citizens are telling you guys that it operates that way and it functions that way the you need to reconsider how it's being implemented. And also, the fact that it's only available on a digital platform in a state, quite arguably, that has a huge digital access barrier. I'm somebody who is college educated and I couldn't keep a job working remote during COVID because I live in an area that has horrible digital access. So, if I just want us to consider this moving forward. Because we could be helping a lot more people a lot faster if we actually just try to listen. So, thank you.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from May 20, 2021 and the Special Session—Property Standards Minutes from June 1, 2021. Motion carried.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Sir Terrance Mack be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10).

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION SIRTERRANCE MACK

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor those sons and daughters of Caddo Parish who have gone forth to gain singular and outstanding personal achievements, and in so doing, reflect favorably and positively upon their home community; and

WHEREAS, MR. SIRTERRANCE MACK, a Shreveport native and Senior at Southwood High School will achieve tremendous accomplishment as he graduates from high school despite battling cancer since the age of 2; and

WHEREAS, SirTerrance has shown remarkable resilience and strength of character, mind

and body as he went above and beyond to accomplish his goal of graduating high school; and

WHEREAS, SirTerrance has been honored to have the support of his family, community, classmates and teachers who have supported him and shared his dream of graduating; and

WHEREAS, Mack's commitment to overcoming adversity is inspirational and illustrates his distinguished character and dedication to the pursuit of learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby declare and proclaim May 26, 2021 to be:

'SIRTERRANCE MACK DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of his notable intelligence, drive, perseverance and positive attitude upon his graduation from Southwood High School.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Special Resolution of Recognition recognizing June as Men's Health Month in Caddo Parish* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson thanked the men standing before him today who work tirelessly within the community to provide education on men's health.

Mr. Supermann Blount thanked the Commission for recognizing the importance of health. He also encouraged all to "check their diets and start walking the block".

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity also thanked the Commissioners for recognizing them today. They will continue to educate and challenge everyone to exercise and make healthy eating decisions.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**SPECIAL PROCLAMATION
MEN'S HEALTH MONTH IN CADDO PARISH**

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Month web site has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health (www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com); and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, the residents of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 3rd day of June, 2021, that it does hereby proclaim June, 2021 as:

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in Caddo Parish, LA and encourage all our residents to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES

The Chair of the Commission opened the public hearings for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6067 of 2021, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to establish the provisions for a Special Exception Use, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6068 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$17,225 to provide an appropriation for Robinson's Rescue, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6069 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6070 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for Wheelchair Ramp & Roof Repair Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6071 of 2021, an ordinance to establish a Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, to provide for its membership, to provide for an effective date, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the Chair closed the public hearings.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6067 of 2021, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to establish the provisions for a Special Exception Use, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson explained that this ordinance will put the Parish and the City on the same level in regards to mobile homes, which can be placed in certain areas by a special exception.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6067 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE PROVISIONS FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission has determined that certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use in the Metropolitan Planning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to establish a new special exception use application process and procedures by amending Article 2, Definitions and Rules of Measurement; amending Article 5, Uses; amending Article 6, Use Standards; amending Article 7, On-Site Development Standards; amending Article 15, Application Procedures; and amending Article 16, Zoning Application to be amended as follows:

I. Article 2 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. - DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF MEASUREMENT

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2.2 GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

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G. “SEU” is an abbreviation for “special exception use.”

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2.3 DEFINITION OF GENERAL TERMS

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Aggrieved Party. In the context of an appeal of a decision, an aggrieved party is any person(s) or entity(s) who are able to demonstrate that their property will be injured by a decision regarding a text (code) or map amendment (zoning change), special use permit, variance, special exception use, administrative exception, planned unit development, sign permit, zoning interpretation, temporary use permit, or zoning appeal.

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II. Article 5 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. - USES

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5.2 USE MATRIX

Table 5-1: Use Matrix identifies the principal and temporary uses allowed within each zoning district. “P” indicates that the use is permitted by right in the district. “S” indicates that the use is a special use in the district and requires special use approval. “E” indicates that the use is a special exception use in the district and requires administrative approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. If a cell is blank, the use is not allowed in the district. In the case of temporary uses, a “P” indicates the temporary use is allowed in the district and may require approval of a temporary use permit. For accessory uses, see Article 7.

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III. Article 5, Section 5.2 is amended by substituting Exh. B hereto in place of the existing Table 5-1

IV. Article 6 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. - USE STANDARDS

6.1 PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS

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M. Dwelling – Manufactured Home

1. Manufactured homes shall only operate in allowable zoning districts as indicated on the Use Matrix in Article 5 of this Code. Any zoning district identified as a special exception use, or “E,” will location and site plan approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of Article 16.5 (Special Exception Use).

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V. Article 7 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. – ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES

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7.3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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O. Home-Based Business

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10. Barber or beauty shops are limited to one operator with one assistant, one styling chair, and one shampoo bowl. Scheduling for barber and beauty shops is limited to one appointment at a time only. All barber or beautyshops, operating as a homebased business within a residential zoning district, require a special exception use approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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VI. Article 15 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. - APPLICATION PROCEDURES

15.1 APPLICATION

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F. Stay of Enforcement Proceedings

Any application submittal that remedies an existing violation, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, shall stay all enforcement proceedings unless the Zoning Administrator certifies that, by reason of the facts stated as a part of the violation, a stay would in his or her opinion cause imminent peril to life or property. When such determination is made, enforcement proceedings shall not be stayed except by a restraining order granted, after due notice, to the Zoning Administrator, by the Zoning Board of Appeals or a court of proper jurisdiction.

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Article 15, Section 15.1 is amended by substituting Exhibit C hereto in place of the existing Table 15-1.

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Article 15, Section 15.2 is amended by substituting Exhibit D hereto in place of the existing Table 15-2.

VII. Article 16 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 16. - ZONING APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESSES

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Article 16, Section 16-5 is added by substituting Exhibit E hereto. All subsequent sections shall be renumbered accordingly.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6068 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the*

amount of \$17,225 to provide an appropriation for Robinson's Rescue and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.

Mr. Young said that this is a budget neutral roll over for monies not spent during the Pandemic.

At this time, Mr. Young's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6068 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,225 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR ROBINSON RESCUE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the mission of Robinson's Rescue is to eliminate euthanasia of dogs and cats in Northwest Louisiana via an aggressive, comprehensive spay and neuter program; and

WHEREAS, Robinson's Rescue, since its inception, has partnered with the Caddo Parish Commission to provide low cost, high quality spay and neuter surgeries for pets belonging to citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Robinson Rescue was forced to close for eight weeks and reopened slowly; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2020, Robinson Rescue had an appropriation balance of \$17,225 and the appropriation lapsed at December 31, 2020 and is not available for spending; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Rescue is performing the much-needed surgeries to help Caddo Parish animals and funds are needed to continue their mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Robinson Rescue	\$17,225
Fund Balance	(\$17,225)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6069 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson noted that this is not sending any dollars to any organizations; it is to recognize the amount of monies received from the U.S. Treasury Rental Assistance Program. He also thanked staff for their work on the program.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6069 OF 2021

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERA2) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 made available \$21.55 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo will receive an additional \$8,164,154 in ERA2 from the US Treasury; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2021 Budget in order to appropriate said grant proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund</u>	
Revenues:	
Federal Grant	\$8,164,154
Expenditures:	
Grant Programs	\$8,164,154

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6070 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for the Wheelchair Ramp & Roof Repair Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson explained that this program is for the veterans and seniors.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6070 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR WHEEL CHAIR RAMP AND ROOF REPAIR PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo receives revenue from the Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) from application fees related to home mortgage loans; and

WHEREAS, since February 2020 to date, the Parish has received approximately \$56,000 from CAFA in mortgage application fees; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to use these funds to establish a Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program will help seniors, veterans and disabled residents; and

WHEREAS, seniors, veterans and disabled residents are an important part of our community; and

WHEREAS, these residents are often on a fixed income and unable to perform such task;

WHEREAS, helping with minor repairs will help keeps these individuals safely housed; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo will contract with an established community or faith-based organization to provide services on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, the successful organization shall work with Caddo Council on Aging and the Caddo Veterans Center to identify participants and provide Parish a commission and administrator with reports; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide an appropriation of \$56,000 for the Wheelchair Ramp and Roof Repair Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
General Fund	
NGO Appropriations	
Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program	\$56,000
Fund Balance	(\$56,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Ordinance No. 6071 of 2021, an ordinance to establish a Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, to provide for its membership, to provide for an effective date, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins explained that this will set up a planning commission to do business for the unincorporated areas of the Parish.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6071 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Act 294 of 2020 removed Caddo Parish from the Shreveport Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 17 authorizes local governments to adopt regulations for land use and zoning; and

WHEREAS, that section also authorizes creation of commissions to implement those

regulations; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 provide for the adopt of home rule charters by local governments and the exercise by such home rule charter governments of all powers and functions not denied them by the constitution or by general state law of all powers and functions granted to local governmental subdivisions by other provisions of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the state statutes regarding planning and zoning by local governments provide for the establishment of a planning and zoning commission with between five and nine members; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to establish a planning and zoning commission for the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming transition requires that the planning and zoning commission be created prior to January 1, 2022 and undertake certain preliminary matters prior to that date; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Planning Commission is hereby created as provided therein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission. The five members shall be residents of Caddo Parish whose primary domicile is in Caddo Parish and is outside the boundaries of an incorporated municipality. The members shall serve terms of four years. The Parish Commission may only remove any member of the commission, after public hearing, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Caddo Parish Planning Commission may be rule or bylaw provide for such officers and establish such rules and procedures as it deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the initial five members shall serve terms of one, two, three, and four years such that one initial member serves a one-year term, one initial member serves a two-year term, one initial member serves a three-year term, and two initial members serve four-year terms. The terms of the initial members shall be assigned by random drawing.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Planning Commission shall be created and be in existence as of July 1, 2022. The Caddo Parish Planning Commission shall assume all duties and authority as provided by state law of a planning and zoning commission on January 2, 2022. The Caddo Parish Planning Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity prior to January 2, 2022 regarding proposals for planning and subdivision and zoning ordinances to take effect on or after January 2, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6072 of 2021, an ordinance setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2021 on outstanding parish bond issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6073 of 2021, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII< Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2021 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6074 of 2021, an ordinance setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6075 of 2021, an ordinance to adopt the values fixed, or to be fixed, by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and to instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6076 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$5,000 to conduct a training program for Caddo Parish Fire Districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6077 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of \$100,000 for five D3 Edge Security Trailers, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6078 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for a Wastewater Program for COVID-19, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6079 of 2021, an ordinance to accept the streets in Blanchard Lake Estates Subdivision Unit 2 & 3 into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that the Work Session Minutes from June 1, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 46 of 2021, a resolution adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the CDBG Program be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).*

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE CDBG PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Parish of Caddo desires to obtain Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to benefit Low and Moderate Income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration requires that certain citizen participation requirements be met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Citizen Participation Plan is adopted for use by the Parish of Caddo with respect to planning, implementation, and assessment of its CDBG program:

This plan describes how the Parish of Caddo intends to involve citizens in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the local Community Development Block Grant Program. Federal and State regulations give ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of the program to local elected officials and also require that citizens be given an opportunity to serve in a key advisory role to the elected officials. All aspects of citizen participation will be conducted in an open manner with freedom of access to information for all interested persons.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Parish of Caddo has adopted the following Citizen Participation Plan to meet the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Parish of Caddo is committed through adoption of this plan to full and total involvement of all residents of the community in the composition, implementation and assessment of its Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. Attempts will be made to reach all citizens, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used. A copy of this plan will be made available to the public upon request.

As part of the citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction, the Parish of Caddo shall:

- 1) Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the state's proposed method of distribution, as required by the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
- 2) Provide for public hearings to obtain views and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program. These hearings will consist of the development of needs and proposed activities and review of program performance. These hearings will be held after adequate notice, a minimum of five calendar days, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for persons with disabilities;
- 3) Provide for and encourage citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used;
- 4) Provide for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals;
- 5) Where applicable, identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings; and
- 6) Provide for a formal written procedure which will accommodate a timely written response, within fifteen days where practicable, to written complaints and grievances.

Written minutes of the hearings and an attendance roster will be maintained by the Parish of Caddo.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notices informing citizens of any public hearings will appear in the official journal of the Parish of Caddo a minimum of five calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, notices will also be posted in parish office buildings/parish hall and the hearing will be publicized through local community organizations, i.e., churches, clubs, etc., and/or dissemination of leaflets in the target area. Hearings will be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries with accommodations for individuals with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. Whenever possible these hearings will be held within or near the target areas, at times affording participation by the most affected residents.

I. APPLICATION

First Notice/Public Hearing

The public hearing to address LCDBG application submittal will be well in advance of the deadline for submission of the application for the current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing. The public notice for this hearing will state that the following will be discussed:

- a) The amount of funds available for proposed community development;
- b) The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;
- c) The plans of the Parish of Caddo for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Parish of Caddo to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and
- d) The Parish of Caddo's prior performance of LCDBG programs funded by the State of Louisiana. In addition, the notice shall state that all citizens, particularly low- and moderate-income residents of slum and blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to:

Caddo Parish Commission
Attention: Jalisa Thomas
Post Office Box 1127

The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking individuals provided a three-day notice is received by the Parish of Caddo.

Second Notice

Seven calendar days, at a minimum, prior to the deadline for submittal of the application, a second notice shall appear in the official journal informing the citizens of the following:

- a) Proposed submittal date of the application;
- b) Proposed objectives;
- c) Proposed activities;
- d) Location of proposed activities;
- e) Dollar amount of proposed activities; and
- f) Location and hours available for application review.

In addition, the notice shall state "all citizens, particularly those affected by the proposed project, are encouraged to review the proposed application and submit any written comments on the application to:

Caddo Parish Commission
 Attention: Jalisa Thomas
 Post Office Box 1127
 Shreveport, LA 71163

Negative comments received will be forwarded to the state's Office of Community Development, Division of Administration or the application will be withdrawn if necessary.

II. AMENDMENTS

Program amendments, which substantially alter the LCDBG project from that approved in the original application, shall not be submitted to the state without holding one public hearing in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Citizen Participation Plan. Minutes of the hearing will be submitted with the request for the amendment. All interested citizens, particularly the low and moderate income, elderly, handicapped, and residents of the project area, shall be made aware and have the opportunity to comment on proposed amendments and/or submit alternative measures.

III. GRANTEE PERFORMANCE

The Parish of Caddo will hold one performance hearing to solicit the public's opinion of the effectiveness of the LCDBG Program. The manner of notification will be the same as previously described for all public hearings. Notification will be made in the official journal approximately five to fifteen calendar days prior to the anticipated submittal of close-out documents to the state, and will indicate the date, time, and place of the performance hearing, and invite comments and opinions on the LCDBG activities implemented under the Parish of Caddo LCDBG Program being closed out. The notice will also state that accommodations will be made for disabled and non-English speaking persons provided a three-day notice is received by the Parish of Caddo.

This notice shall invite all interested parties, particularly those low to moderate income residents in the target area to attend.

The hearing will be held no sooner than five calendar days from the publication date of said notice.

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTION TO APPLICATION

Persons wishing to object to approval of an application by the state may make such objection known to:

Office of Community Development Division of Administration
 Post Office Box 94095
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-90958

The state will consider objections made only on the following grounds:

- i. The application description of needs and objectives is plainly inconsistent with

available facts and data;

- ii. The activities to be undertaken are plainly inappropriate to meeting the needs and objectives identified by the applicant; and
- iii. The application does not comply with the requirements set forth in the state's Annual Action Plan or other applicable laws.

Such objections should include both an identification of the requirements not met and, in the case of objections relative to (1) above, the complainant must supply the data upon which he/she relied upon to support his/her objection.

BILINGUAL

Whenever a significant number of persons and/or residents of blighted neighborhoods communicate with a primary language other than English attend public hearings, the Parish of Caddo will provide an interpreter for dissemination of information to them providing the Parish of Caddo is given sufficient notification of three day(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance may be provided directly by the Parish of Caddo to any citizen, particularly to low and moderate income persons, residents of blighted neighborhoods and minorities, who request assistance in the development of proposals and statement of views concerning the LCDBG Program. The local officials, administrator and engineer will conduct informational meetings with the residents of the low to moderate income areas if a written request is received by the Parish of Caddo with at least a one week notification. The person who conducts the technical assistance meetings will disseminate information on the program and answer all pertinent questions.

TIMELY ACCESS AND ADEQUATE INFORMATION

The Parish of Caddo shall provide timely disclosure of records, information and documents related to the LCDBG program activities. Documents will be made available for copying upon request at the Caddo Parish Commission, Monday thru Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. Such documents may include the following:

- 1) All meetings and promotional materials.
- 2) Records of hearings and meetings.
- 3) All key documents, including prior applications, letters, grant agreements, citizen participation plans, and proposed applications.
- 4) Copies of the regulations (final statements) concerning the program.
- 5) Documents regarding other important requirements, such as Procurement Procedures, Fair Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity, Uniform Act, Labor Provisions and Environmental Procedures.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

SECTION 1

It is the policy of the Parish of Caddo to review all complaints received by the Parish.

SECTION 2

The following procedures will be followed on all complaints received by the Parish of Caddo:

- 1) The complainant shall notify the Parish Clerk of the complaint. The initial complaint may be expressed orally or by written correspondence.
- 2) The Parish Clerk will notify the President or designated representative of the complaint within two working days.
- 3) The President or designated representative will investigate the complaint and will report the findings to the Parish Clerk within five working days.
- 4) The Parish Clerk will notify the complainant of the findings of the President or designated representative in writing or by telephone within two working days.

- 5) If the complainant is aggrieved by the decision, he must forward the complaint in writing (if ~~only~~ submitted orally) to the Parish Clerk who will forward the complaint and all actions taken by the President or designated representative to the appropriate council committee for their review. This will be accomplished within two working days of receipt of the written complaint.
- 6) The reviewing council committee will have five working days to review the complaint and forward their decision to the complainant in writing.
- 7) If the complainant is aggrieved with the decision of the council committee, he must notify the Parish Clerk in writing that he/she desires to be afforded a hearing by the Caddo Parish Commission. The complainant will be placed on the next regularly scheduled Parish meeting agenda. The Parish Clerk will notify the complainant in writing of the date of the hearing.
- 8) The complainant must bring all relevant data, witnesses, etc., to the hearing. The Caddo Parish Commission, at the hearing, will review the complaint and forward within five days a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the hearing was conducted and a decision was rendered to the complainant. If a decision is not reached at the hearing, the Caddo Parish Commission will inform complainant of an appropriate date to expect a response. Within two working days of reaching a decision, the complainant will be notified in writing of the decision.

Complaints concerning the general administration of the LCDBG Program may be submitted in writing directly to the:

Division of Administration Office of Community Development
Post Office Box 94095
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

SECTION 3

All citizen complaints relative to Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity violations alleging discriminations shall be forwarded for disposition to the:

Louisiana Department of Justice
Public Protection Division
Post Office Box 94005
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

The complainant will be notified in writing within 10 days that, due to the nature of the complaint, it has been forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Justice. Or, Complainant may contact the Louisiana Department of Justice Public Protection Division directly at the Toll-Free Telephone number 1-800-273-5718 or 225-342-5521.

SECTION 4

The Parish Clerk will maintain a file for the purpose of keeping reports of complaints.

SECTION 5

This policy does not invalidate nor supersede the personnel or other policies of the Caddo Parish Commission which are currently adopted, but is intended to serve as a guide for complaints.

SECTION 6

This policy may be amended by a majority vote at any of the Parish's regularly scheduled meetings.

CERTIFICATE

I, Todd Hopkins, Parish Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission, hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Commissioner Todd Hopkins, seconded by Commissioner John E. Atkins, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11).

NAYS: None (0).

ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1).

and the same was declared adopted by the President on this 3rd day of June, 2021.

/s/Jeff Everson

Jeff Everson, Parish Clerk
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Resolution No. 47 of 2021, a resolution creating an ad hoc Pandemic Taskforce, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Johnson said that this will create a precedent for the Presidents following him for a Commissioner to override their decision. He also explained that he and Mr. Jackson discussed the American Rescue Fund Committee. Mr. Johnson also said that the Pandemic Committee was on the wind down because of testing was done, the ERAP program was rolled into a process, etc. The American Rescue Plan Committee is dealing with the American Rescue Plan dollars that are coming in. Mr. Johnson also pointed out that this resolution spells out the actions of this proposed committee.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know the function of the Pandemic Taskforce. Mr. Johnson explained that the Committee will dissolve on January 31, 2022 or after providing an after-action review on what is learned. Mr. Jackson explained that this committee will function to look at aspects of the Pandemic. It will work with public health experts and faith-based organizations to talk about vaccine acceptance. He also explained that any recommendations from this committee will come to the full body for ratification.

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 47 of 2021 be remanded to the Long Range/Special Projects Committee.*

Mr. Chavez said that this could be better vetted through the Long Range/Special Projects Committee with any concerns or questions.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if the Commission has received the after-action report. Mr. Jackson said that the after-action report would detail how the Parish responded to the Pandemic and what took place.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that any Commissioner on this body can bring forth an ordinance or resolution. In January, he was asked to chair a committee that he did not want to chair, but agreed to it any way. Mr. Jackson said that he accepted the task and has worked on the Pandemic Committee; all he is asking is to let this committee to finish its work.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Johnson, and Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, and Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Resolution No. 48 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the annexation by the Town of Blanchard of a certain right-of-way within the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the following described property is currently located within the Parish of Caddo, to-wit:

A portion of the right-of-way for Blanchard-Furrr Road located in Sections 4 and 9, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard has received a petition requesting the annexation of a tract of land adjoining the above described right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the annexation of the aforementioned tract of land adjoining the Blanchard-Furrh Road right-of-way will enable the said property to be developed for residential use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee be and it is hereby requested and authorized to consent to the annexation of the Blanchard-Furrh Road right-of-way from the East line of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Southwesterly to the Southwest Corner of Lot 2, Gross Acres, a subdivision of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 5000, Page 197 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 49 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 and 19740, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to englobe and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 49 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 and 19740, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 50 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas, and mineral leases, accept bids, and award and execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF STATE AGENCY LEASES 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 AND 19740, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is a Lessor in those certain oil, gas and mineral leases described as State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 and 19740 recorded under various Registry Numbers in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request seeking consent from the Parish of Caddo of an assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 and 19740.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to consent to the assignment of State Agency Leases 19509, 20131, 20134, 20133, 19737 and 19740.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES, ACCEPT BIDS, AND AWARD AND EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES ON CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain road dedications located in Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, known as Castlewood Drive, Denny Drive, Parkdale Drive, Pinewood Drive and Ashwood Street, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and containing 1.87 acres, more or less, with Section 29, T17N, R14W containing a total of 1.87 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Those certain road dedications located in Section 32 Township 17 North, Range 14 West, known as Libby Street, Meadow Parkway Drive, Moss Loop, Parkdale Drive, Swan Loop and Rosalee Drive, and other unnamed or unbuilt roads all located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana and containing 6.60 acres, more or less, and those certain adjudicated properties described as Lot 13, Block D, Meadow Park Heights Subdivision, Geo. #171432-007-0013, Lot 10, Block D, Meadow Park Heights Subdivision, Geo. #171432-007-0010, a 3 foot strip off North Side of Lot 17, Valley View Subdivision, Geo. #171432-003-0026, Lot 9, Valley View Subdivision, Geo. #171432-003-0009, Lot 17, Merriwether Woods Subdivision, Geo. #171432-002-0017, and Lot 25, Merriwether Woods Subdivision, Geo. #171432-002-0025, said adjudicated property total acreage being 1.95 acres, more or less, with Section 32, T17N, R14W containing a total of 8.55 acres, more or less, all in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a written request from Border Exploration, LLC, that the Parish seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said property; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo does not have the knowledge or resources available to determine if it owns the mineral rights and the Parish of Caddo will rely on the expertise and experience of the lessee in determining ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is expressly agreed that any lease granted by the Parish of Caddo and accepted by lessee is without any warranty of title and without any recourse against the Parish of Caddo whatsoever, either express or implied, and it is expressly agreed that the Parish of Caddo shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to lessee therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, is available upon the request of Caddo Parish to lease the aforesaid property for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids and award and execute oil, gas and mineral leases on the aforesaid properties of certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a no surface operations

provision as follows: Lessee, its successors or assigns, may produce oil, gas and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a horizontal pugh provision as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a vertical pugh provision as follows: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit by unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to 40 acres around each producing oil well and 160 acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of 100 feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well by well basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum royalty provision as follows: Royalty of not less than 1/5th or 20%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a minimum bonus provision as follows: Bonus of not less than \$1,500.00 per acre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a hard or solid mineral exclusion provision as follows: This lease shall exclude free sulphur, potash, lignite, salt and any other hard or solid mineral. Lessee shall not have any rights to explore, drill for, mine, produce or take any action whatsoever in regard to any such hard or solid mineral deposits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such lease contain a maximum term provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 51 of 2021, resolution to amend Resolution No. 75 of 2020 to change the dates of the July 2021 meetings of the Caddo Parish Commission, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 75 OF 2020 TO CHANGE THE DATES OF THE JULY 2021 MEETINGS OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission's annual calendar sets the July meeting schedule so as to allow time for Commissioners to participate in the annual conference of the National Association of Counties (NACo); and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted conference scheduling and travel significantly, including a change in the date of the annual NACo conference, which is now set for July 9th to July 12th; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow for travel time, Commissioners attending the NACo conference will need to travel on July 8th or sooner; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 75 of 2020 established the July 2021 Work Session on July 5th and a Regular Session on July 8th; and

WHEREAS, it will be difficult to achieve a quorum for the July 8th meeting with several Commissioners being en-route to the NACo conference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby amend Resolution 75 of 2021 to change the July work session from July 5, 2021 to July 19, 2021 and the July regular meeting from July 8, 2021 to July 22, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be distributed in the same manner and to the same persons who receive notice of the Parish Commission meetings and in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 52 of 2021, a resolution in support of creation of the National Commission to investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Cawthorne: I just want to reiterate what discussed on Tuesday. I think that what we saw on January 6 was clearly an assault on the US Capitol. Similar to that what happened during the Civil War. It is my contention, their challenge to democracy anywhere, whether it is D.C., anywhere; it's a challenge to democracy everywhere. I admonish my fellow colleagues to be on board with this as we put country over party and for the safekeeping of our democracy. Thank you.

Chavez: On this one, I'm going to be supporting it. But I know that I'll look political. That's the exact nature of this legislation. I believe in Congress because Congress is telling the law enforcement to do their job and now we're telling Congress to do their job; however, I do like the fact that Commissioner Cawthorne has indeed taken out any literature within this resolution to be partisan. And what he would like to see is, at least this board come together to say that all the verbiage in here just stays that we do not like what happened on the sixth that we will come together and at least if we can start that here. We can set a good example for the rest of the country. So thank you, Commissioner Cawthorne for that, and I'll be agreeing with this.

Atkins: I mentioned on Tuesday, I think the actions on January 6, although appalling, I believe they have been and are being effectively investigated by federal law enforcement officers and I do not see a reason to have The US Congress involved in a separate investigation. And there's very little point in my mind for the Caddo Parish Commission to bring this issue up. So I'll be voting no. Thank you very much.

Young: I would like to say that, first of all, I think that the common a riot, or a violent protest on January 6, was very upsetting and a significant event that should be investigated. I think there are a bunch of governmental entities investigating it, including the Department of Justice. I, however, I'm not going to vote in favor of this for two reasons. First, is that I don't think that it relates to Caddo parish business, and I didn't run for federal office. So I don't want to vote on federal issues here. The second is that the text that we're voting for support says in a conclusively way, that the events of January 6 were a domestic terrorist attack, before the investigation took place. Terrorism is a finding not the name of the event; it was

an event or riot or something. But in order to call something terrorism, you have to go to court and prove that it was terrorism, according to the law. I think it's a very dangerous, slippery slope for us to call protesters of any type terrorists, whether they are on one side of a political spectrum or another. I think it's bad for our society to call people terrorists, especially when their fellow citizens, and I don't want to take any steps down that slippery slope. So I'm going to vote against this. But I appreciate the sentiment and the desire to understand more about it.

Burrell: this was very upsetting to me. And to a certain extent, I haven't really gotten over it yet. Each time that it comes on national TV, or local TV, it really shakes me to my core. And whether we want to talk about semantics, whether we want to call it a riot, or protest or whatever. Just looking at the Tulsa massacre in which they call it a riot. So I'm not gonna get into the semantics of it. I think the important thing here is, is that Congress represent the people of this nation, we just happen to have two different parties that had the dominance here. When you're able to get both parties in before number, where they can actually cancel each other out. All one vote against something. And it will just like it is on the Commission, a six-six vote kills. But I think it was very apropos that they would set up a commission with equal democrats and equal Republicans to investigate this. And truly, I think it needs to be investigated, because from my perspective, I watch nationally, constantly—that you may find that this issue may go much beyond those people who actually protested ride, whatever the name you want to call it, then it goes higher than that. The Congress does represent all the people in this nation that we should consider sending our voices because it does affect us. When you say is not commissioned business or not. I personally feel it does because I live in a democratic society. We are governed accordingly. And anything that comes out of Congress, or anything that happens in Washington DC affects us here locally. So that's I don't read that part of it. So I will be supporting this.

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, and Johnson (5). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission then moved onto New Business, *Confirm Selection of the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo for Regular Session for the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.*

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if this board has to pick an Official Journal or the Caddo Parish Commission. Attorney Frazier said that the board has to pick the Official Journal.

Mr. Chavez then wanted to know if the American Classifieds was the only publications that provides their service with no charge to the citizens. It is. Mr. Chavez wanted to know if there are any state statutes on the citizens having to pay for the paper. Attorney Frazier explained that the state statute has specific requirements, such as the newspaper to be selected have been published in an office physically located in the parish; in which the body is located for a period of five years preceding the selection shall not have missed during that period, as many as three consecutive issues unless caused by fire flood strike or natural disaster; shall help maintain a general paid circulation in the parish; in which the body is located for five consecutive years prior to the selection should have been entered in a US post office in that Parish, under a periodical permit in the parish for a period of five consecutive years prior to the selection.

The Clerk of the Commission pointed out that there is information in the proposal for cost to consumers. He mentioned that the three proposals are attached to the agenda.

Mr. Atkins reminded the Commissioners that another key component is distribution and how widely read the publication because that translates to value.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if its Legal's responsibility to do the due diligence to ensure all stipulations are met. Attorney Frazier said that the proposals are sent to the Commission Clerk's Office. The Clerk of the Commission said that each of the proposals have met the stipulations required by state statute.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to select The Times as the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo for Regular Session for the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.* At this time, The Times received two yay votes: Commissioners Atkins and Young (2).

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded Mr. Johnson, *to select Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun as the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo for Regular Sessions for the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.* At this time, the Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun received six yay votes: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, and Johnson (6).

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to select the American Classifieds as the Official Journal for the Parish of Caddo for Regular Sessions for the year July 1, 2021 to*

June 30, 2022. At this time, the American Classified received two yay votes: Commissioners Lazarus and Taliaferro (2).

At this time, The Caddo Citizen/Shreveport Sun became the Official Journal.

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to reconsider Resolution No. 47 of 2021*. Motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, and Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson was then informed that the motion to reconsider actually did pass. Mr. Johnson also pointed out that Resolution No. 47 had a substitute motion, which will be considered at this time.

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne withdrew his motion to reconsider.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to reconsider Resolution No. 52 of 2021*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Jackson, Johnson, and Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, and Lazarus (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Resolution No. 52 of 2021 failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Jackson, and Johnson (5). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Confederate Monument Update

Dr. Wilson said that they are in the process of scheduling site visits to have additional vendors to provide quotes. It is their hope that those visits will be concluded by the end of summer.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know the budget for relocating the monument. Dr. Wilson said it is \$500,000.

- Disparity Study Update

Dr. Wilson said that they are still working on the contract for that. They still have to have all parties review the contract and provide their comments.

- I-49 Welcome Sign Update

Dr. Wilson said that they are still waiting on DOTD to approve the permits to proceed.

- U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Dr. Wilson said that the program is continuing to progress. Approximately \$2.6M has been sent out to nearly 600 applicants. A report regarding the prioritization process has been submitted to the Commissioners. She pointed out that Caddo Parish is number two in the State regarding the funds that have been disbursed. Based on those numbers, Caddo Parish is exceeding other parishes who started the program prior to the Parish starting its program. They are anticipating that everyone who is in the que to have their documents submitted by mid-June.

Mr. Chavez asked for clarification on the lack of digital access for the citizens. Dr. Wilson said that they have community partners who will actually send someone to the citizen's house to help fill out the application.

- FEMA Update

Dr. Wilson said that the Parish has submitted their information to FEMA for those COVID expenses. They are waiting to hear back from FEMA on any additional information that they may require.

- Commission Requests to Administration

Mr. Young wanted to know how many 17-year-olds are in JDC and how many are in CCC. Clay Walker, Juvenile Services Director, stated that there are currently 19 in the detention center and 15 in CCC. He also mentioned that some of those children in CCC are 15-year-olds and 16-year-olds. Mr. Young then wanted to know if there is a statutory right at present to be housed with juveniles in the detention center. Mr. Walker explained that the federal statute says that children who are transferred to the adult system at CCC is that they will move back to juvenile detention depending on seven factors that the judges will look at. Some children could still be held at CCC if the district court feels that need to be. Mr. Young

then wanted to know how long does a judge have to decide if those children should be kept at CCC or Juvenile Detention. Mr. Walker said that the law says that the if the district court judge decided they should be held at CCC, then they have to revisit it every 30 days with a maximum of six months. Mr. Young wanted to know if Mr. Walker would describe CCC nurturing; Mr. Walker stated that he would not describe it as nurturing, but he also pointed out that CCC deals with 1400 people, whereas the Juvenile Detention Center is only dealing with 19. Mr. Young wanted to know if Mr. Walker would describe the Juvenile Detention Center as nurturing; Mr. Walker said that he would hope so.

Mr. Walker also mentioned that there is pending litigation to determine if those 15 children who are housed at CCC should be housed at Juvenile Detention. He said that if the judge determines they should be housed at the Detention Center, then they would be over capacity immediately. He also pointed out that he thinks the law envisions, in certain cases, that it is appropriate for transfer children to stay at CCC, depending on their age and the seriousness of their crime. Mr. Walker also said that if those children come into Juvenile Detention and tear it up and make it no longer nurturing, he'll be requesting that they stay at CCC.

Mr. Young then wanted to know if the millage should be placed back on the ballot. Dr. Wilson explained that it has not passed in past. Mr. Walker said that he would like a bigger budget and give these kids everything they deserve, but the reality is there is a \$6M deficit every year for Juvenile Services. Dr. Wilson said that if they expand the facility, they would need \$6M plus the extra operating costs of the expansion. He also said that they have tried to pass the millage six times in the past without any success. Mr. Young wanted to know the deadline for putting something on the ballot. Dr. Wilson said that he will provide that information to him once he looks at the schedule.

Mr. Chavez thanked Mr. Travis Clark for addressing the citizen who complained about the rats in the apartment complex. Dr. Wilson also said that they do provide rat bait and poison for citizens, but they do not go out to exterminate rodents.

Mr. Jackson asked that Administration look into the statutes about who is responsible for providing medical care to the correctional facilities. .

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson wanted to know when the Long-Range Planning Committee will meet to discuss Resolution No. 47. Mr. Chavez said that he will schedule it next week. The Clerk of the Commission said that it will be placed under Old Business, unless the Committee changes the resolution.

Mr. Jackson then talked about the Pandemic Taskforce and said that he laid out in detail the specifics of the committee including its dissolve date. He then asked Attorney Frazier if this body has a right to due process if something has been done wrong. Attorney Frazier said that this Commission does not have a mechanism for addressing that, but it does have a process for removal of the President. She also pointed out that the President has the authority to appoint members of committees, but there is no notice requirement in the By-Laws.

- Mr. Young would like to submit for consideration to the American Rescue Plan Committee for dollars to be used for green infrastructure and flood mitigation management, as well as planting plants that produce food as part of a healthy eating initiative.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Mr. Johnson announced the deadline for Commissioners to submit programs for the American Rescue Plan funds that are coming in. That deadline is June 9, 2021.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (late arrivals)


Dr. Will James came before the Commission and gave the following statement:

Thank you, Commission, for having me. I do appreciate the time to speak. Very much appreciate all the work that all of you are doing. Whether it's in step or whether we're trying to get through this wonderful democratic process, it is interesting. Um wanted to speak on two quick issues before I go to my main topic. With the citizens from Woodlawn Terrace this has been an ongoing issue since before the winter storm. They've reached out to several grassroots groups as well as different community organizations requesting help. There's an issue to where if you Commissioner Cawthorne if you'll check your email. As well as the Clerk you should be receiving an email that has some additional information also that a lot of citizens are concerned about in regards to the landlord who's actually present there at that location. When you speak as far as the landlord can go ahead and actually get the services for rat control and pest control and so on and so forth. Or the citizens can go. A lot of the citizens are actually restricted. They are limited with their income or their means to which they can travel about to go pick up set entities to take up to take care of their situations with the rat control problem or with the mold control problem and so on and so forth. A lot of them have a really low-income level where they're-they need the assistance desperately from the City or th e Parish or the State. Um the second issue with the monument. I focus on a lot of different things more than what 3 minutes can actually cover. So just because I've been speaking on the gun violence issue or as far as police brutality cases or malfeasance of office or crime prevention

and so on and so forth. Of course, we're still focusing on the monument as far as myself and several other grassroots organizers. This links in with an issue that I heard earlier today to where I wish citizens comments had been taken before the vote. With January the 6th, one thing kept rattling in my head over and over and over again. And it was I will James do solemnly swear to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies both foreign and domestic. I swore that oath 20 plus years ago. It doesn't state in terms of terrorists or anything of that nature. It speaks as far as both in country and out of country. With that being said, I'm not sure if you were actually on the Commission at the time of 2017 Commissioner Young? Okay. I won't speak his name because I'll treat it like J.K. Rawlings it'll be the name that shall not be named. He that shall not be named. But I remember when you had an individual that was making threats towards any member of the Commission that went along with the unanimous vote to remove the monument. When I saw what happened on January 6th, it is very much relevant with Caddo Parish. I state that because I pay attention to live feeds. I'm not a conspiracy theorist. I go with what's presented in front of me. You have a lot of people that are looking at what's being handled and how the City or the Parish or the State or the Federal level react to where they condemn the actions of January the 6th or if they say it's no big deal, it's certain people's rights. The difference between what happened on the January the 6th to another event. There was an event where people were afraid that people were going to burn, break into offices, buildings actually taken as advantage to go into Walmarts and Targets and start looting, raping, pillaging and murdering. I haven't heard the term pillage since sometime when I was in school when I was reading a book. But those are the comments that the same people that went in on January 6th made about people that were protesting Confederate monuments and so forth. Those people that supported those people on January 6th, that were making comments about people protesting Confederate monuments are from right here in Caddo Parish. So, whether they came from Keithville or Stonewall or other parts of Shreveport and so on, these are comments that were made that were supporting whatever term or phrase you want to call that of what happened on January 6th. So, with that being said you can't brush it off as something that's, oh well that's on the federal level so this doesn't have anything to do with me. I pay attention. I pay too much attention because if I give any power to he who shall not be named, I'll start getting more death threats and so on and so forth. This is something very serious. This is far from funny. Take into mind your constituents. That's all I ask. I'm aware of the time. Thank you very much.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon B. Johnson
President